(c) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi- pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by well coordinated operations, setting up of outposts of Security Forces on strategic areas gearing up the intelligence machinery modernisation and upgradation of Police and Security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Withdrawal of security cover to VIPs

†648. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail or withdraw the security cover provided to very important persons, former Members of Parliament, former Ministers and retired Members of Parliament;

(b) whether Government have reviewed those security reasons comprehensively for which they were provided security earlier, before withdrawing the security cover to all of them; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for withdrawing security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The requirement of security in cases of all protectees including former Members of Parliament and former Minister is reviewed periodically, based on latest threat perception in each case. Government have a duty to see that persons in public life, who invite wrath of militants or terrorists are given due protection. Government also have a duty to ensure protection of common citizens. In order to ensure that adequate police force is available for the security of common citizen, Government continuously reviews deployment on personal security to ensure optimal use of the force.

Barbed wires at Indo-Pak border

†649. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task of erecting of the barbed wires to check the cross border infiltration illeglly at Indo-Pakistan border has been completed;

(b) whether Government are going to hold talks with the Military

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government of Pakistan for stopping the firing on border and preventing them from supporting the terrorist activities in Kashmir; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Security fencing and flood lighting on the Indo-Pak border has been completed in Punjab and Rajasthan sectors except for riverine gaps and shifting sand dune areas respectively. Similar works in the Gujarat sector have already started and will be completed in about five years time. A multi-modal approach for sealing the Jammu International Border has been planned. However, decision to start this work will be taken at an appropriate time.

(b) and (c) India has repeatedly asked Pakistan to put a stop to its unprovoked cross-border firing and its state sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. This matter has been raised whenever discussions have been held at the official and political levels. The Government have also made it clear that while it remain committed to a dialogue, a proper environment conducive to such a dialogue needs to be created. The proper environment would consist of abandonment of terrorism by Pakistan as an instrument of state policy and cessation of the hostile anti-India propaganda in Pakistan. These are not pre-conditions but integral parts of the dialogue process itself.

Illegal possession of land by Bangladeshis

650. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Dhumari Mouza consisting of 1500 bighas under Patharkhandi Circle, Karimganj near Pathini T.E. is under illegal possession of Bangladeshi nationals since 1965 Indo-Pak War;

(b) whether Government are also aware that this land belongs to the poor people and they are not in a position to take back this land; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken so far or propose to take to bring back this land from the illegal possession of Bangladeshis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per information made available by the Government of Assam, 3 Kms length of Assam—Bangladesh boundary in